

# **OAKLAND~MAPLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT OPERATING COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Minutes July 24, 2013**

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the Oakland~Mapleville Fire District Operating Committee was called to order at 7:06 pm on July 24, 2013 in the district fire station at 46 Oakland School St. Oakland by Bob L'Esperance, Moderator.

### **Present:**

Patricia St. Pierre, Richard Nolan, Mike Cosetta, Peter Leone, Chief Joe Bertholic and Commissioners Albert Lapierre, Tom Demers and Ed Bertholic and Clerk Anne Chretien.

### **Absent:**

Alice Lavigne and Albert Lavigne

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were waived and accepted. **Motion** to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Patricia St. Pierre. Unanimously voted by all present.

### **B. Commissioners Report**

- It has been recommended by the Commissioners that the contract be awarded to Scituate Nurseries for the total amount of \$4425, for installation of irrigation system and hydro seeding the lawn.
- Motion was made by Mike Cosetta to install the irrigation system and hydro seed, which is guaranteed, to Scituate Nurseries. Seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted by all present.
- Discussion was still on-going regarding what comprises a fixed asset that can be depreciated each year as opposed to an addition to the station, ie. closet, that cannot be depreciated
- Tom Demers discussed a list of concerns for next year's budget. These items include:
  - Floor replacement in Chief's Office & Tax Collector's District Office
  - Seal coat and stripe station parking lot
  - Complete training/class room
  - Snow Plowing – out to bid
  - Lock box for Tax Payments put on outside of building at entrance
  - Repaint all the inside of building

- Roof cable to prevent ice build up on roof in winter
- The reason for some of this maintenance is because the building is almost 10 years old. It was decided that Tom needs to get estimates on the items before budget meeting.
- Motion to accept the report made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Pat St. Pierre. Unanimously voted by all present.

### **C. Chief's Report**

- Chief's Incident Report (see attached). 43 runs with 2 very significant ones. Turnout has been averaging 4 people per run which is a little better than in the past.
- Engine 13 has been repaired. It was delivered on Friday. After inspecting it these things were found:
  - Truck filthy when returned
  - Stripping was completed but not all correct
  - Compartment light not connected
  - Side door still scratched from accident
  - L. Poirier tried to raise the ladder rack and it became stuck – could not lower or raise. C&S had to come to station to repair.
  - C & S told about problem with oil pump having water in it – Chief had to keep reminding the manager to check into problem – finally it was determined that the packing was dry in the pump due to overheating. C & S to try to have it covered under warranty, but parts would be covered not labor.
  - C & S tried to blame Metro Collision for all the issues and delays
- After all the issues and delays, Chief Bertholic said C& S Specialty will not be seeing OMFD again. He will send a letter to owner of C & S to express his disappointment in there service and copy Crimson Trucks
- Engine 11 will have two new front tires put on next week.
- SCBA bottles all tested and passed – allset for 3 years. Air supply trailer tested and allset.
- Still waiting to find out if we are getting a fire act grant for hose.
- Motion to accept the Chief's Report by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Pat St. Pierre.
- Unanimously voted by all present.

#### **D. Tax Assessors Report**

- Tax Roll for 2013 was ordered and should be here at end of week. Tangibles may not be coded.
- Motion to accept Tax Assessors Report made by Pat St. Pierre and seconded by Richard Nolan
- Unanimously voted by all present.

#### **E. Tax Collectors Report**

- Collections from 9/1/2012 to 07/18/2013 which includes current and prior year taxes, and interest and fees totaled \$327,892.83. Outstanding balance to be collected is \$31,795.82. See attached report.
- Tax Sale list stands at 8 parcels down from 41.
- The ad for the Tax Sale will appear in the Woonsocket Call on Thursday, July 25, 2013. (see attached)
- Motion to accept the Tax Collectors report was made by Mike Cosetta and seconded by Peter Leone.
- Unanimously voted by all present.

#### **F. Treasurers Report**

- All bills are paid and up-to-date.
- No changes or questions regarding the report. See attached.
- Budget balance looks good thru the end of August.
- Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted by all present.

#### **G. Old Business**

- Discussed was the open meeting law requirements. Peter Leone will look into what is necessary re: posting minutes on-line; administer; posting generic agenda as opposed to specific topics for discussion.
- By-law committee has not met yet to review if changes are needed.

#### **H. New Business**

- Budget meetings will be held in two sessions, August 14, 2013 at 7pm and August 28 before the monthly meeting.
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:12 pm was made by Peter Leone and seconded by Mike Cosetta.
- Unanimously voted by all present.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Chretien